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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

MAEDA ET AL.

Examiner

Tran N. Nguyen

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 2,3,5,6,8,9,11,12,14 and 15 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Election/Restriction

2. Applicant's election of claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 13 and 16 on 6/9/04 is acknowledged. Since Applicant did not provide any traversal arguments to the restriction requirement, the response is considered as election without traverse; therefore, the election/restriction is made FINAL.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. **Claims 1, 4, 10, 13, 16** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being fully anticipated by **Kusase et al (US 5925964)**.

Kusase discloses (figs 1-5) a rotor (3) of an electric rotating machine comprising:

a rotor coil (8) for generating magnetic flux by applying a current;

and a pole core comprised of a first pole core body (7) and a second pole core body (7)

that are arranged so as to cover said rotor coil, wherein

each being provided with claw-shaped claw magnetic poles (15, 16) engaging with each other; wherein a magnet assembly composed of magnets (11) for reducing leakage of magnetic flux and a magnet-holding member (12) for supporting said magnet on said claw magnetic poles are arranged on inside diameter faces of said claw magnetic poles; wherein

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said magnet-holding member, with platform (26, 27) extends to the base part (13) of said claw magnetic pole and is fitted to said claw magnetic pole (figs 1-2, 4-5);

an end (26, 27) of said magnet-holding member and said claw magnetic pole, at the tip of the claw pole, are joined together to prevent said magnet from moving in axial direction (figs 2);

said magnet-holding member extends to backside of the pole and is fitted to said claw magnetic pole, and two magnet-holding member are joined together on said backside of the pole (figs 3-5);

a ring (25, figs 3-4) for press fitting said magnet assembly is provided on the inside diameter side of the claw magnetic poles (figs 1-2).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. **Claim 7** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kusase et al, as applied in the base claim, in view of **York et al (US 6172441)**.

Kusase discloses the claimed invention, except for the added limitations of a fixing part for preventing said magnet from moving in axial direction is provided on the inside diameter side of said claw magnetic pole.

York, however, teaches a claw pole rotor having this feature (36, figs 1-2 4B) for the purpose of axially holding the magnet in place.

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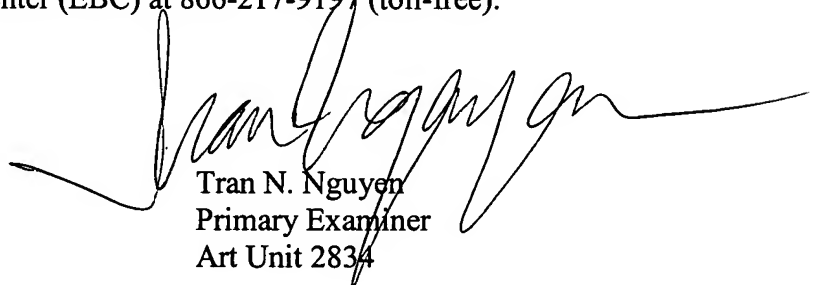
Thus, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the claw pole so that a fixing part for preventing said magnet from moving in axial direction is provided on the inside diameter side of said claw magnetic pole, as taught by York. Doing so would provide a securing means to enhance the axially holding abutment for the magnet in place during rotation.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tran N. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-2030. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:00AM-4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Darren Schuberg can be reached on (571)-272-2044. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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